

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of February 21, 2007, in which claims 2-28 and 41-51 were pending, claims 2-17, 21-28 and 41-51 were allowed, and claims 18-20 were rejected under §112, ¶2.

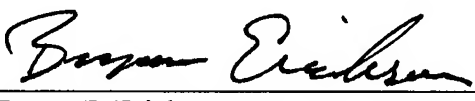
While the applicants do not acquiesce to the correctness of this rejection, the applicants amend claims 18-20 with this response, and submit that the amended form of claims 18-20 resolves the basis for the rejection of these claims under §112, ¶2. In particular, these claims presently do not recite "wherein the responsive aeroelastic deposit comprises at least a portion of a convergent channel" in combination with the other elements of the claims, the combination of which was indicated to be the basis for the prior rejection under §112 in the case of each of these three claims. The applicants therefore submit that claims 18-20 are presently in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

With this amendment, the applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Office take action accordingly. The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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